

**Practice: 591 - Amend. for Treat. of Ag. Waste****Scenario: #5 - Litter Amendments applied on a percent Soluble P Reduced for Water Quality Impacts****Scenario Description:**

This practice scenario includes the application of a litter treatment amendment that is approved by NRCS to the entire poultry house to reduce water-soluble phosphorous in the poultry litter by a specified percentage. The amendment used is proven to transform nitrogen into a form of ammonium and reduce the concentration of water-soluble phosphorous in the litter and reduces ammonia levels in the house. Resource concerns from existing nutrient levels may contribute to water quality degradation from nutrient runoff and leaching from fields fertilized with poultry litter and air quality impacts such as objectionable odors and ammonia emissions.

Associated practices: Nutrient Management (590).

**Before Situation:**

Integrator does not currently apply waste treatment amendments to the litter that reduce ammonia emissions and soluble phosphorus.

**After Situation:**

This scenario is based on a typical poultry operation with a desired application rate is to reduce % soluble of a phosphorus binding amendment (P) by weight of the P to litter (25%, 37.5%, 50% P reduced /ton of litter). 25% Soluble P reduced use 67 lbs. Alum per ton of litter, 37.5% Soluble P Reduced use 100 lbs. alum per ton of litter and 50% soluble P reduced use 133 lbs. alum per ton of litter. Typical operation consists of 2 houses, 40' x 500' house (20,000 SF), 21,000 birds (4 pound finished bird weight). The operation raises 5 flocks per year. 37.5 % soluble P reduced for this operation.

Estimated cost is based on the following formula to calculate required amendment at the prescribed rate in tons per year of Alum is:  
 (Number of houses ) x (Number of Flocks per year) x (Number of birds) X (Finish weight of birds (lbs)) X (Pounds of litter)/bird) x (1 ton per 2000 lbs.) x (application rate of Alum for the % Soluble P reduced per ton of litter) x (1 ton per 2000 lbs.)=  
 37.5% soluble P reduced: 2 houses x 21,000 birds per house X 4 lbs. per bird X 0.50 lb litter/bird x 1 ton / 2000 lbs. X 100 lbs. Alum per ton of litter x 1 ton per 2000 lb = 2.1 tons / application.

An NRCS approved amendment is applied between each flock at the prescribed rate up to 5 applications (5 flocks per year). The selected amendment is applied in conformance with the manufacturer's recommendations and the rates required. The amendment is proven to reduce soluble phosphorus in the litter, to control the odor, and to reduce ammonia emissions. The resulting litter contains higher levels of nutrients and nutrient management plans must account for this. Nutrient level testing of the litter and nutrient planning shall be in conformance with CPS Nutrient Management, Code 590. The amendment successfully addresses water quality degradation due to nutrients in surface and ground water and air quality impacts from objectionable odors, ammonia emissions, PM and PM precursors and bird health resource concerns.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Tons of admendment per application (flock)

**Scenario Unit:** Ton

**Scenario Typical Size:** 2

**Scenario Cost:** \$1,320.75

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$660.38

**Cost Details (by category):**

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price (\$/unit)	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Installation</b>						
Application of ag waste amendment for poultry litter	2020	Litter amendment application performed in house. Includes equipment, power unit and labor costs.	Ton	\$50.49	2.1	\$106.03
<b>Materials</b>						
Ag Waste Amendment, aluminum sulfate, alum	1684	Aluminum sulfate, alum, poultry Litter amendment. NRCS approved for air and water quality concerns to reduce ammonia emissions and soluble phosphorus in the litter. Materials only.	Ton	\$578.44	2.1	\$1,214.72